

## LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

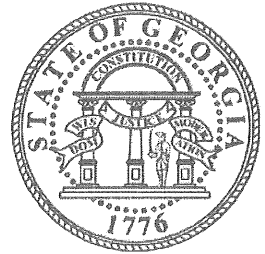
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December 15, 2015

To: Mr. Jeff Linzer, Grants Unit Manager  
NonPoint Source Program Watershed Protection Branch  
Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: **Federal 319(h) Project FY16 Letter of Support**  
*Organic Amendment Restoration of Degraded Upland Landscapes in the Chestatee-Yahoola Watershed*

Dear Mr. Linzer,

On behalf of the **Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners** and in partnership with the University of North Georgia please accept this letter of support and commitment towards the activities and goals of a 319(h) grant proposal to restore degraded upland landscapes using organic amendments. The **Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners** is able to support this effort to improve water quality in the Chestatee River through projects that will cover soils with organic amendments, reducing erosion and sediment, rebuilding soils and improving vegetation establishment and community aesthetics. We expect these efforts to have a significant positive community impact in demonstrating the erosion control and water quality improvement accomplishments brought about by the practices used in this project. It will also be a good teaching tool to help promote soil health and sustainable production.

The **Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners** is able to contribute the following towards this project:

- Provide organic materials (mulch) as available for the projects
- Deliver materials to project sites located on publicly owned property
- Help in the determining priority project sites on public owned property
- Provide resources for projects located on public owned property

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This effort is fortunate to have a very strong team of collaborators and we greatly look forward to working with them to achieve tangible water quality improvements in the Chestatee Basin. Thank you for considerations.

Sincerely,

Chris Dockery  
Chairman, Lumpkin County  
Board of Commissioners